

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending with claim 8 added by this paper.

Applicants have amended the claims to conform them to typical U.S. prosecution practice and for clarification. Particularly, some variables have been defined (see, e.g., claims 1-5), ranges have been hyphenated to further clarify that the end points are encompassed by those ranges (see, e.g., claim 1, line 3), and Markush groups have been amended (see claim 2, and the group of R⁸). Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments are made for clarification and do not narrow the scope of the claims. In addition, subject matter has been deleted from the second line of claim 1. Deletion of this subject matter does not narrow the scope of claim 1.

In view of the above, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which can be expedited by a telephone conference, the examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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